



**ORDER NO. 06170816988**

**UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE  
FOREST SERVICE  
OKANOGAN-WENATCHEE NATIONAL FOREST  
NACHES, WA  
OCCUPANCY AND USE  
And  
NATIONAL FOREST SYSTEM ROADS AND TRAILS**

Pursuant to 36 CFR 261.50 (a) and (b) the following acts are prohibited on designated portions of National Forest System (NFS) Lands and Trails of the Okanogan-Wenatchee National Forest as described below and shown on the attached map:

**PROHIBITION:**

**1. GOING INTO OR BEING UPON ANY AREA CLOSED FOR THE PROTECTION OF PUBLIC HEALTH OR SAFETY.**

For the purpose of this order, this restriction prohibits entry onto National Forest System lands and includes all methods of travel on all roads and trails along the boundary and within the area described below: (36 CFR 261.53 (e)).

**2. PARKING OR LEAVING A VEHICLE IN VIOLATION OF POSTED INSTRUCTIONS.**

For the purpose of this order, this restriction prohibits parking or leaving a vehicle at any site or any area adjacent to a road where such site or area has been temporarily posted as being closed to parking due to fire or another emergency situation.[36 CFR 261.58(g)]

**3. BEING ON A TRAIL.**

For the purpose of this order, this restriction prohibits all methods of travel on any National Forest System Trail which has been posted as temporarily closed to public entry due to fire or other emergency situations. [36 CFR 261.55(a)]

**1.) Halfway Flat Campground**

This order is effective beginning on the date signed below and will remain in effect until rescinded.

**Naches Ranger District  
Area Closure – Halfway Fire**

- Closure begins from the north east point at the junction of FS 1709-300 and the 961 trail. (T17N,R14E, Sec. 9)
- Closure continues west along the south side of 961 trail to the 1709 road. (T17N,R14E, Sec. 9)
- Closure then turns south and runs along east side of the FSR 1709. (T17N,R14E, Sec. 9 and 16)
- Closure then turns east at the FSR 1709-333 following the road to its end and continuing down the ridge due east to the Naches River (T17N, R14E, Sec. 15 and 16)
- Closure then turns north following the west bank of the Naches River to the junction of the river and the 961 trail. (T17N, R14E, 9, 15, and 16)
- National Forest Service Road 1709-333 will remain closed.

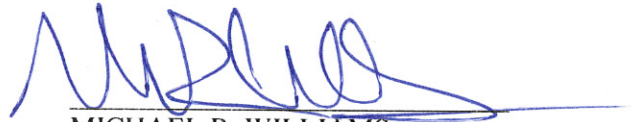
Naches Ranger District

Pursuant to 36 CFR 261.50(e), the following persons are exempt from this order:

1. Persons with a permit specifically authorizing the otherwise prohibited act or omission.
2. Any Federal, State or local officer or member of any organized law enforcement, rescue, or fire fighting force in the performance of an official duty.

These prohibitions are in addition to the general prohibitions in 36 CFR 261, Subpart A.

Executed in Wenatchee, Washington this 29th day of August 2016.



MICHAEL R. WILLIAMS  
Forest Supervisor  
Okanogan-Wenatchee National Forest

Violations of this prohibition is punishable as a Class B Misdemeanor, by a fine of not more than \$5,000 for an individual or \$10,000 for an organization, or imprisonment for not more than 6 months, or both (16 USC § 551; 18 USC § 3559 and 18 USC § 3571).

## Assessment of Need and Enforcement Plan

1. Background. A wildfire was started in the Half-Way Flats Camping Area and remains a safety hazard to all users in the general vicinity. This includes all area roads, trails, day use sites and campgrounds. Continued public entry into an area under such conditions could jeopardize public safety, as well as endanger firefighter and emergency services personnel operations. The need to immediately limit public access in such situations, as noted in FSM 2353.28d -2 and 36 CFR 212.52 (b), is the basis for this order.
2. Intent of Subpart B order. To protect the public from being in an area where fire spread could still occur, where fire caused hazards currently exist and to help manage the risk to firefighters from public traffic on the road system.
3. Enforcement Plan. The following activities need to occur to implement this special order in a manner that results in public acceptance and safety:

**Prohibition Objective:** The closure of the roadways to motorized public access is necessary to ensure public health and safety.

**Public Notification Plan:** Information associated with the closure will be made available to the public through media releases, partner organizations, and at Forest Service offices. The affected area will be posted with signs indicating the road is closed to public entry.

### **Enforcement Plan:**

Implement actions for each specific application of the order, including appropriate postings, media contacts, patrols, and enforcement activities.

Barricades and signs will be moved in place and road blocks will be staffed with Ranger District personnel. Personnel will provide the public with information on the fire situation and closures/restrictions that are in place and to warn the public of the risk and provide information about the closure.

<u>Action</u>	<u>Responsible Official</u>	<u>Initial/Date</u>
Prepare proposed order	Kelly Lawrence, District Ranger	KDL 8/29/16
Review proposed order (Law Enforcement)	Patrol Captain	PCA 8/29/16
Approve proposed order	Forest Supervisor	MDJ 8/29/16
Post order in accordance with 36 CFR 261.51	District Staff Officer and Staff	RAK 8/29/16
Prepare news release for local media describing the order and management objectives	Public Affairs Officer	



